

Ingenuity Solves Housing Problem

Cooperative Action Builds Homes for Yakima Vets

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(Editor's Note: This is the first of four articles describing how veterans in different parts of the country managed to put roofs over their heads. The first deals with Yakima, Wash.)

WASHINGTON. — There is one quality that is as thoroughly indigenous to America as potatoes, hot dogs, baseball or apple pie. That is ingenuity. It often is alluded to as "Yankee ingenuity," but it blossoms from the Florida Keys to Puget Sound and from the purlieu of San Diego's farthest floating pelican to the northernmost quirk of St. John's river.

Ingenuity is something that achieves the impossible. There has come to my attention a number of stories on how certain communities have solved, with their American ingenuity, that seemingly unsolvable housing problem. I think some of the stories are worth repeating to you, and I'm beginning with Yakima, Wash., a town of 50,000 people which I haven't visited for 13 years, but which I can visualize clearly, resting contentedly in the heart of Yakima valley.

That vicinity furnishes many things from apples to polo ponies, but like many other communities in America, it didn't—until this spring—furnish enough homes for veterans. Formal dedication of a white, green-roofed, five-room house was the end of the first story I want to tell, a story with many a sequel.

Last fall there were 160 houses standing unfinished in Yakima for lack of plaster. Many of the houses were unlivable, but with winter weather coming on and the housing shortage getting worse every day, some people tried to move into their uncompleted homes.

Yakima's mayor, M. K. Buck, knew that 200 low-cost homes (under \$5,000) were needed for veterans as well as 1,000 higher-priced houses. He consulted contractors, plasterers, sub-contractors, the plasterers' union, veterans' organizations and press and radio; gave them the facts; asked their help.

Sub-contractors agreed to move crews from commercial construction to the unfinished homes. They also agreed to transfer stocks of plaster being held for commercial building to veterans' housing. The plasterers' union agreed to work only on veterans' housing when plaster was available. Materials dealers agreed to sell rock lath and sheet rock for veterans' homes only.

The plan went into high gear when a carload of plaster—the first to reach Yakima in a year—came in one October night, consigned to a local lumber company. When the company manager arrived early in the morning, he found a crowd of veterans waiting for him. The local commander of the Disabled American Veterans checked the needs of each purchaser. The en-

tire carload was apportioned on the spot—to the place where it would do the most good.

Within a short time, 50 homes were completed—but 50 were not enough, so the mayor organized an emergency housing committee with a retired Baptist minister as chairman, veterans' organization representatives, a lawyer, a labor chief and three persons from local savings and loan associations.

The committee asked local builders and architects to design a house which would meet FHA standards and still be sold for less than \$5,000. A large order in these days of high prices, but the committee turned up a practical plan. Four local contractors were interested and construction got underway. The local government housing expediter helped by organizing a "swap shop" where builders could find out who had some extra hardwood flooring, plaster or plumbing fixtures.

The Yakima contractor who completed the first of these new low-cost houses says he couldn't have built the house for the price if he hadn't had plenty of cooperation from everybody in the building industry. He saved money by using straight walls instead of offsets, and he simplified the cabinet work. But the most important thing was the cooperation he got from the unions who saw that he had the right men at the right time to do the jobs when they needed to be done. The contractor paid union wages to his workmen, bought his materials from



Ex-Sergeant Colgan finds K.P. duty in his new house a pleasure. Ex-WAG wife Mildred says the kitchen is everything a kitchen should be—cross-ventilation and plenty of built-in cupboards.

regular dealers, made a fair profit for himself and was still able to sell the house for \$4,750. The veteran who moved into the first house was Walter Colgan, a former army sergeant, and his wife, Mildred, who served in the WAG. They're very proud of their new five-room, two-bedroom product of American ingenuity and cooperation.

(Next week, Des Moines, Iowa)



BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD . . . The grave of an "unknown brown and white doggie, victim of an intoxicated Christmas driver," is tended by neighborhood children. It is located at a busy intersection in Santa Monica, Calif. Curious motorists stop to read the inscription; then drive away carefully.

NEWS REVIEW

Anti-Strike Bill Drafted; Railroad Crashes Probed

LABOR BILL: Plenty of 'Teeth'

A strike-control bill that would rigorously restrict labor unions in many ways has been approved by the house Republican steering committee. Its most drastic provision, perhaps, is a clause authorizing the federal government to obtain injunctions for a 75-day period in industries which affect public health or safety. This apparently would cover the telephone and other communication industries, coal mining, electric light and power companies, railroads and possibly several other fields.

The bill was prepared under direction of Chairman Hartley (Rep., N. J.) of the house labor committee. He told newsmen he hoped that the bill would pass the house within a week. It probably faces a struggle in the senate, observers believe. The injunction feature is designed to give the government a stronger weapon against strikes imperiling public safety and welfare. The attorney-general would be empowered to seek a restraining order in federal courts which would require a 75-day "cooling off" period.

Other provisions would outlaw industry-wide bargaining and ban the closed shop. Unions would be required to keep dues low and to elect officials regularly by secret ballot. Communist domination of unions would lose the recognition of the National Labor Relations board. Unfair labor practices would be investigated and prosecuted by a new agency—the Office of Administration of the National Labor Relations Act.

RAIL ACCIDENTS: Daily Occurrence

Derailment of the Santa Fe's Super Chief in northern New Mexico, with injuries to 25 passengers but no fatalities, rounded out a week of railroad accidents reminiscent of the early days of railroading.

The Super Chief, one of the nation's most famous streamlined luxury trains, left the track near Haton, N. M., while traveling at high speed. The three-unit diesel locomotive broke loose and came to rest with its nose on the trestle of a dry river bed. The train was scabbed from Los Angeles.

Other accidents within a week: April 3, Burlington's Twin City Zephyr derailed in Downers Grove, Ill.; three killed, 35 injured. April 4, engine of Rock Island Rocket derailed near Linwood, Kan.; engineer injured.

April 5, Milwaukee road switch engine fell off bridge near Ottumwa, Iowa; crew narrowly escaped drowning in swollen Des Moines river.

April 6, Union Pacific's City of Portland collided with a freight near Granger, Wyo.; 11 injured.

April 7, Pennsylvania's Gotham Limited jumped track outside Columbia City, Ind.; 40 injured.

April 8, Pennsylvania's Manhattan Limited derailed; passengers shaken up.

FRANCE:

Trouble in Colonies

Rioting and revolts in various parts of the French empire have prompted the French cabinet to strengthen the army. To this end President Auriol has called up conscripts of the 1947 class on May 15, several months early.

An uprising in Algeria has brought promises of reforms. Interior Minister Dejeux has gone to the North Africa country to make swift changes to pacify the rebellious Kabyle tribes and to quiet general unrest.

War Minister Paul Coste-Floret has demanded additional troop reinforcements to cope with trouble spots in Indo-China, Madagascar, Algeria, Morocco and several African protectorates.



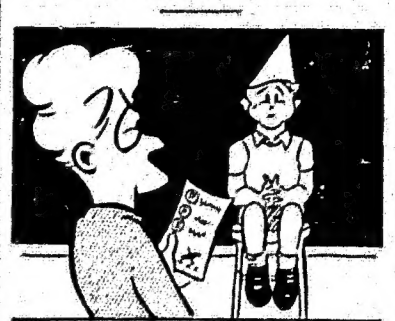
BIG EGG . . . This speckled Brahma hen, owned by Mrs. Evans Mealing of Glen Cove, L. I., N. Y., is the new champion of egg layers. She laid a 14-ounce egg, seven and a half inches in circumference, which is shown beside one of ordinary size.

NOT RESPONSIBLE

At the public library, a small boy presented a well-worn, dirty volume at the return desk. The librarian glanced at the book, leaned forward to take in the size of the boy, and then remarked, "This is rather technical, isn't it?"

Planting his feet firmly on the floor, the boy, half defiant, half apologetic, said, "It was that way when I got it."

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON?



"Pop, why do you always sign my report card with an 'X'?" "I don't want your teacher to think anyone who could read and write would have a son as dumb as you."

Pleading Guilty

The justice of the peace in a small Southern town had to hear and judge cases that were brought before him, and he also performed occasional marriage ceremonies. This made it difficult for him to dissociate the various functions of his office. During the course of a wedding service one day, he asked the bride: "Do you take this man to be your husband?" The bride nodded emphatically, "And you," said the justice, turning to the bridegroom, "what have you to say in your own defense?"

Appreciative Listener

"Just listen to that man talking to himself," commented the wife to her husband. An elderly man, walking in front of them, was talking to himself in a very serious and admonishing tone. Apparently he overheard the remark for he slowed down and lifting his hat, bowed deeply and with a twinkling light in his eyes said: "Pardon me, madam, but it is necessary to talk to someone sensible sometimes."

Very Sad Story

The young girl came home from the movies, and her mother asked: "Was it a very nice story, darling?"

The youngster said: "A lovely story, mother, but I don't think you'd like it, the ending is so sad." "How is that?" asked the mother. "Well," said the youngster, "you see, she died, and the poor fellow has to go back to his wife."

Clinical Appraisal

There was the amateur painter who called in a doctor friend to look at the painting he had just finished. It showed a man who was apparently in great agony.

After the doctor had looked at his masterpiece a few minutes, the painter asked: "Well, what do you think of it?" "It looks like pneumonia to me," the doctor replied.

CLEVER DOG!



Moe—With whom was your wife quarrelling last night?
Joe—She was scolding the dog.
Moe—Poor beast. I heard her threaten to take the front door key away from him.

Observer

At a USO hospital party, a patient noticed that one of the feminine entertainers was only nibbling at the refreshments. "What's the matter, honey?" he asked her. "Why don't you eat this wonderful cake?" "I have to watch my figure," the singer explained.

The patient smiled. "You eat the cake," he ordered. "I'll watch your figure."

A Good Start

Proud Father—What do you think of my son as a pugilist?
Trainer—Well he can shake hands the best of any fighter I ever saw.

Poor Appetite

A cannibal took his baby to a witch doctor. "Doc," he said, "I don't know what's the matter with him. He won't eat anybody."

Lot of Hat

"My dear, what a lovely chateau you're wearing."
"Thank you, dear, but the word is 'chapeau'.
"Darling, when a hat's that size it's a chateau."

Unnecessary

"Care to buy a nice letter opener, sir?"
"Don't need one, Mac. I'm married."

More Education

"I can't learn to love you."
"But I've saved \$10,000."
"Give me one more lesson."

Veterans' SERVICE BUREAU

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Payment to Schools

With veteran enrollment in institutions of higher learning expected to reach a peak of 1,300,000 in the school year 1947-48, Veterans' administration has established a new procedure whereby VA may pay 75 per cent of estimated tuition fees, book and supply costs for veterans studying under the G.I. bill, in advance to well established and non-profit colleges and universities.

Actual expenses, less the advance payment, can be paid either at the end of the semester or at the end of the period for refunding money for those who have dropped out of school. Formerly no college could collect from veteran-students until the end of the refund period, usually six weeks or more after start of a semester, and this worked a hardship on many schools which customarily depended on tuition payments to meet current expenses of the semester.

Questions and Answers

Q. Will you please tell me when a boy drafted in the army June 7, 1946, will be eligible for a discharge?
—Mrs. B. M., Prescott, Ark.

A. No, we can give you no definite date, but the army does not now hold draftees much longer than a year.

Q. If I were getting a \$50 allotment would I be eligible to work and draw wages? If so, how much?
—R. W., Mt. Angel, Ore.

A. If you are the wife or mother of a serviceman and drawing an allotment, yes, you would be eligible to work for any wages you could get.

Q. I am writing in regard to the G.I. loans for homes through the FSA. My husband is a veteran and we were trying to buy a farm through this loan. We had all the papers fixed up and signed, the option had been signed by us and the owner of the farm, we had a notice to go sign for the first loan check. Then the man at the FSA office told us the loan was not going through. The reason was the place lacked one acre of having the amount of cleared land required. We offered to clear this one acre and the owner said she would have it cleared, but they wouldn't hear to it. Now the place has been sold to another man and we think there was something crooked about all of it. So will you please tell us how we could go about seeing who turned the place down at so late a date and the real reason why they did so?—Mrs. T. E. L., Hickory Flat, Miss.

A. Farmers Home Administration, which has succeeded Farm Security Administration, suggests that you write all details direct to Thomas B. Fatheree, State Director of Farmers Home Administration, 1130 West Capitol Street, Jackson, Miss. In the meantime, the Washington office of FHA assures us they will immediately start their own investigation and will inform this office of the result, which we will be glad to forward to you.

Q. Could you please tell us how we can find out why we don't receive our son's mail? We know for sure that he writes us twice a week but we never receive his letters. His chaplain wrote to us and told us that he knows our son writes and he doesn't understand why we never get his mail. Two of our son's friends who are in the same regiment wrote to us and we get their letters in six or seven days. We have not received mail from our son in six weeks. Can you tell us why? He sends it all mail. We know he is in Korea and it worries us that we do not receive his mail. Some of it has been registered so we would be sure to get it, his chaplain said, but we have never received it. I hope you can tell us what to do.—Mrs. L. S. J. L., Clayton, Mo.

A. If you receive mail from your son's friends in the same regiment there is no reason why you do not receive your son's mail if he writes and addresses his letters correctly. The fact that you receive mail from your son's two friends indicates that the mail comes through OK. If your son receives your mail and you receive your son's friends' mail there appears no reason why you should not receive his.

Q. When my husband was in service we had a son. He didn't know the government was supposed to pay for the doctor and so he paid it. We wondered if we could get the amount back. If so, who do we get in touch with?—Mrs. L. H., Pikeville, Tenn.

A. It is difficult to obtain reimbursement for such expenditures, but suggest that you ask your local Red Cross to help you, or inquire at the nearest army hospital. In case you have no luck, write to the Office of Dependency Benefits, War Department, 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., St. Louis 20, Mo.

Jill McFarlane, ard, disappeared in love with Lieut. Spasupet to learn her love with Sandra Calan. During her absence her mother, Julia, a now Captain Macke, sick at his lack of li Richard sees Ric and his father in France. Sandra, but she ma He has the boy trans arrives at the farm from Richard who an attempt to preven is thankful that be do be a father at l

CHAPTER

Foster, she was a could at least have odorous bag of fe back! Or was that and John I's diab "The old man had and secretive as morning.

Sandra wrinkled got into the seat the cushion a bit "Handkerchief. She far?" as Julia c superintending the luggage, and slipping the ignition.

"Five miles. A b times. Now we nev have to. Our ti in this county, a priority we have months."

"I hope Ricky's Sandra remarked counted on joining absurd to be separ think."

"Ricky's tires?" bit puzzled.

"Ricky told me roadster. He was to give it up," Sa "I'm sure he'd e it."

So, Julia though was turning into a tool How was sh this eager, greedy red roadster belong I, had bought it, sent it whenever car to Ric. Ric ha last year he had but he had traded ly, to buy a quar plane that one of crashed and burne

"Ric must have he disposed of his he said. "So muc since he enlisted in this mind. There l on the place, but sister, and it's put

"Oh," Sandra w set. "He talked so I can't understand Julia was gratefu gate-posts and whi ard's Hill came in

"Oh," breathed the place, isn't it from the picture beautiful!"

"It's very old," house was built by was made right of we like it."

The others were dawn. (Oh, Jill, w do have on those d Julia was thinki arm in a grimy li pretty hair tied up feed bucket in her forward, grinning.

"Hi, Sandy!" "You're just in ti other hand with th

Sandra said, "H nervously shook I, appraised him ignored him. She r sure with her tim trunk."

"My gosh," "There's nobody upstairs Foster's bill pulling corn. Y back it out here, and carry the stuff

"Oh, but I ca dresses—and shoes "We'll manage Sandra," Julia sai She led Sandra Ric's old room, not Jill had removed wick counterpane with a faded gre from Mamie's qua

"I hope you'll here," she said, " door down the ha supper at six."

"Thank you down," Sandra lo

Some Coffee For the Guest

Julia heard the squeak, before she of the stairs. She w with Jill. There c carrying this thi But when she foun on the screen por cold bottles of pe the glint in Jill twitching of old Jo that anything she fall on deaf ears.

"You could have about the reputati at least," she co horrible old count "Don't you weak Jill warned. "Sh

Freshman Senators Make Mark

"I've never seen anything like it," my friend was muttering "never in my 12 years on Capitol Hill."

My friend explained, "I mean the freshmen senators in the class." The class of '47 has never seen such activity among any group of baby senators before the way these boys have pitched in to build major legislation, the way they handle themselves on the floor, presenting their points so effectively, and so on."

It used to be the custom that freshman senators were seen and not heard. They were supposed to sit around for a year or maybe even two years, absorbing procedure and protocol, speaking when they were spoken to. But not the class of '47.

My friend explained this unusual activity among the newcomers as due to two reasons.

One: There are so many newcomers—18 on the Republican side alone. This means Republicans had to put newcomers on subcommittees. Subcommittees are small—three men, usually—and traditionally, the chairman of the subcommittee handles the legislation in question on the floor. Thus this year's freshmen have had opportunities denied their predecessors.

Two: He points out that this year's crop of newcomers are unusually capable men. Under Roosevelt's large majority, he said, "accidents" were apt to be swept into the senate—men who were put up by the party with no real conscience that they would be elected—but they rode in on the tail of Roosevelt's popularity.

According to my informant, there are very few "accidents" in this senate. One or two at the most, and even those, he says, aren't too bad. He feels optimistic about the trend, thinks it's a good thing for the country. Most of the new "boys" are young—several of them in their early or middle forties. They've come straight from the people, and maybe they are closer to the people. New house of representatives members, he says, can be trained to party teamwork under the type of strong leadership provided by Speaker Joe Martin, but the senate freshmen of '47 will never be led or influenced out of their independence of action. "Watch them," my friend predicts. "This class is going to be a notable one in the history of the senate."

RELIEF IN SIGHT

Building Costs To Level Off

NEW YORK.—Construction costs have reached a peak after soaring to all-time highs during the post-war period, it is revealed in a survey covering 253 general contractors.

Fifty-three per cent of the contractors queried in the poll, which was made by F. W. Dodge corporation, expressed belief that building costs have reached their highest peak, and a majority felt that costs will stabilize below present levels. It was pointed out that, with exception of lumber, cement, struc-

tural steel and cast iron soil pipe and fittings, prices for most building materials have tended to remain steady since the start of the year.

Only in the Pacific states was opinion general that further gains of from 11 to 12 per cent would be witnessed in 1947.

According to the survey, labor inefficiency caused by an irregular flow of materials, construction delays imposed by an inadequate supply of skilled workers, and an excessive expenditure of time in shopping for and obtaining materials are

major contributing factors of today's high construction costs.

Of the reporting contractors, 43 per cent said the average wage of some building craftsmen in their areas of operation had increased since the first of the year, and 70 per cent said that they expected increases later in the season.

In the aggregate, the general contractors reported that 34.6 per cent of their present work, by dollar volume, is being done on a lump-sum basis, while the rest is being handled on cost-plus-fixed-fee contracts.

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Stocks and Bonds	10,629,098.31
Cash in Office and Bank	1,791,615.33
Agents' Balances	866,896.42
Bills Receivable	27,915.97
Interest and Rents	33,360.87
All Other Assets	168,700.08

Gross Assets	\$13,523,386.98
Deduct items not admitted	98,008.66

Admitted	\$13,425,380.32
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LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946

Net Unpaid Losses	\$2,220,252.18
Unearned Premiums	5,259,755.68
All Other Liabilities	962,601.60
Statutory Deposit	500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	4,482,770.86

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$13,425,380.32

QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946

Stocks and Bonds	\$30,879,678.18
Cash in Office and Bank	1,658,437.20
Agents' Balances	1,667,132.41
Bills Receivable	36,263.81
Interest and Rents	82,453.31
All other Assets	905,597.73

Gross Assets	\$35,231,562.64
Deduct items not admitted	119,214.40

Admitted \$35,112,348.24

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946

Net Unpaid Losses	\$4,276,482.28
Unearned Premiums	15,240,187.45
All other Liabilities	2,227,984.77
Cash Capital	5,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	8,367,713.74

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$35,112,348.24

On the basis of Dec. 31, 1946 market quotations for all bonds and stocks owned, this company's total admitted assets would be increased to \$35,281,634.63 and surplus to \$8,537,000.13.

EQUITABLE FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY

Providence, R. I.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946

Mortgage Loans	\$21,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	8,025,808.00
Cash in Office and Banks	1,025,258.31
Agents' Balances	555,954.15
Bills Receivable	11,886.79
Interest and Rents	22,050.75
All other Assets	14,329.82

Gross Assets	\$9,676,295.82
Deduct items not admitted	5,642.69

Admitted Assets \$9,670,653.13

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946

Net Unpaid Losses	\$544,429.49
Unearned Premiums	2,034,644.61
All other Liabilities	119,302.87
Cash Capital	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	5,972,276.16

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$9,670,653.13

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ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946	
Stocks and Bonds	\$24,919,390.79
Cash in Office and Bank	1,996,877.70
Agents' Balances	1,818,733.97
Bills Receivable	13,542.14
Interest and Rents	58,208.00
All Other Assets	1,650,586.97

Gross Assets	\$30,457,139.57
Deduct items not admitted	95,051.02

Admitted \$30,362,088.55

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946

Net Unpaid Losses	\$3,552,927.00
Unearned Premiums	11,418,335.48
All Other Liabilities	3,477,133.38
Cash Capital	4,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	7,915,692.71

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$30,362,088.55

FIRE ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946

Real Estate	\$2,857,485.81
Mortgage Loans	232,047.77
Stocks and Bonds	24,632,175.42
Cash in Office and Bank	2,465,892.87
Agents' Balances	2,062,245.76
Interest and Rents	40,299.84
All Other Assets	2,705,940.40

Gross Assets	\$35,016,067.87
Deduct items not admitted	1,767,734.11

Admitted \$33,248,333.56

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946

Net Unpaid Losses	\$3,375,102.00
Unearned Premiums	15,661,025.73
All Other Liabilities	1,019,316.70
Cash Capital	2,400,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	10,791,909.13

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$33,248,333.56

FITCHBURG MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

Fitchburg, Massachusetts

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946	
Real Estate	\$72,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	408,665.00
Cash in Office and Bank	257,452.26
Agents' Balances	77,712.94
Interest and Rents	2,604.90
All other Assets	8,216.52

Gross Assets	\$826,651.62
Deduct items not admitted	2.94

Admitted \$826,647.68

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946

Net Unpaid Losses	\$36,095.10
Unearned Premiums	485,662.81
All other Liabilities	23,780.67
Cash Capital	281,109.10
Surplus over all Liabilities	

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$826,647.68

INDEMNITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA

1600 Arch Street,

Philadelphia 1, Pennsylvania

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946	
Stocks and Bonds	\$58,084,181.24
Cash in Office and Bank	4,058,527.11
Agents' Balances	6,007,703.97
Interest and Rents	90,188.94
All other Assets	500,310.90

Gross Assets	\$68,740,912.16
Deduct items not admitted	611,346.78

Admitted \$68,129,565.40

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946

Net Unpaid Losses	\$25,866,800.00
Unearned Premiums	16,498,412.00
All Other Liabilities	2,201,219.42
Cash Capital	2,500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	21,063,133.98

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$68,129,565.40

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Stocks and Bonds	6,421,892.78
Cash in Office and Bank	816,418.80
Agents' Balances	738,104.79
Interest and Rents	18,263.56
All Other Assets	397,289.12

Gross Assets	\$8,391,967.04
Deduct items not admitted	142,297.71

Admitted \$8,249,669.33

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946

Net Unpaid Losses	\$1,743,810.89
Unearned Premiums	3,801,036.77
All other Liabilities	538,483.73
Statutory Deposit	500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	1,666,338.14

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$8,249,669.33

MERCHANTS & FARMERS MUTUAL FIRE INS. CO.

Worcester, Mass.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946	
Mortgage Loans	\$5,500.00
Stocks and Bonds	395,258.30
Cash in Office and Bank	48,233.83
Agents' Balances	35,263.81
Interest and Rents	2,448.20
All other Assets	6,983.46

Gross Assets	\$494,247.43
Deduct items not admitted	2.64

Admitted \$494,244.79

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946

Net Unpaid Losses	\$14,727.00
Unearned Premiums	285,126.78
All other Liabilities	15,734.20
Cash Capital	206,656.93
Surplus over all Liabilities	

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$494,244.79

HOME FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE CO. OF CALIFORNIA

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946

Stocks and Bonds	\$11,934,234.69
Cash in Office and Bank	1,525,458.24
Agents' Balances	968,225.65
Bills Receivable	6,699.49
Interest and Rents	25,913.45
All Other Assets	1,214,606.60

Gross Assets	\$15,679,236.12
Deduct items not admitted	91,868.96

Admitted \$15,587,367.16

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946

Net Unpaid Losses	\$3,351,594.05
Unearned Premiums	5,717,832.56
All other Liabilities	885,222.28
Cash Capital	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	4,632,719.27

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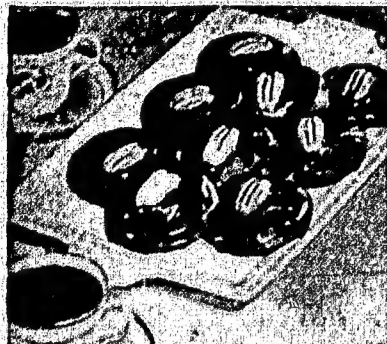
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HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers



Save Your Sugar For Canning, but Bake Sweets, Too



If you need luscious chocolate cookies quickly, make these, which take so few minutes to bake and frost. Children adore them and your guests will give them an encore.

The oldest of our rationed commodities is still with us even though the situation has eased to a certain extent. The sugar bowl is, perhaps, still not as full as we would like to have it, but we can still manage to have our sweets and still save enough for canning if we are watchful.

The youngster will still come in pecking into the cookie jar, and we still have guests who like a bit of a sweet as they spend an evening of conversation or games with us. For these purposes I have selected some recipes which we will all find useful. For the cookie fans, here are some recipes which are bound to please:

Molasses Cookies. (Makes 75)
 1/2 cup shortening
 1/2 cup molasses
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 1/2 cup thick sour milk
 2 cups sifted flour
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 2 teaspoons baking soda
 1 teaspoon ginger
 2 teaspoons lemon extract

Mix shortening which has been melted with molasses and sugar and stir until smooth. Add sour milk, then sifted flour with salt, soda and ginger. Add lemon extract. Mix until smooth. Chill until firm. Roll dough on a lightly floured surface to 1/4 inch thickness and cut into assorted shapes, as desired. Place on a greased baking sheet and bake in a moderate (350-degree) oven for 8 to 10 minutes. Roll thinner if crispier cookies are desired.

Chocolate Frosted Cookies. (Makes 3 dozen)
 1 1/2 cups sifted flour
 1/2 teaspoon double-acting baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 2 squares unsweetened chocolate
 4 tablespoons butter
 1/2 cup sugar
 1 egg, unbeaten
 1/2 cup milk
 1 teaspoon vanilla

Sift flour, salt, and baking powder and mix well. Melt chocolate and butter over hot water; add sugar and mix well. Add egg and beat thoroughly. Add flour and milk alternately and mix until smooth. Add vanilla. Drop from teaspoon on greased baking sheet and bake in a moderate (350-degree) oven for 7 minutes. When cold, spread with sugar frosting and place a half pea in the center of each.

Quick Tugzie Frosting.
 2 squares unsweetened chocolate
 2 tablespoons butter
 12 marshmallows, cut in pieces
 1/2 cup water
 Dash of salt
 2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
 1 teaspoon vanilla

Place chocolate, butter, marshmallows, water and salt in saucepan. Heat over low flame until chocolate and marshmallows are melted and mixture is smooth and well blended. Remove from fire and add remaining ingredients. Beat until of right consistency to spread. Use on chocolate frosted cookies or to cover top and sides of two eight-inch layer cakes.

With just 1/4 cup of sugar and the use of a sugar substitute, you can satisfy the sweet tooth with no less than 30 delectable cup cakes:

LYNN RAYS:
 Try Pleasing Variety In Everyday Foods

A dash of lemon juice is good for bringing out the full flavor of almost any kind of fruit or berry pie.

When you want a combination fruit pie, try one of these pairs: pineapple and raisin, pineapple and cherry, strawberry and pineapple, apple and pear, apple and cranberry, apricot and pineapple, apple and raspberry, or strawberry and blueberry.

LYNN CHAMBERS' MENU

Vegetable Platter:
 Asparagus, Cauliflower
 Tomatoes and Corn
 Toasted English Muffins
 Devilled Eggs
 Molded Grapefruit Salad
 Beverage
 *Strawberry Pie

*Recipe given.

Plain Cup Cakes.

(Makes 30)
 2 cups sifted cake flour
 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup shortening
 1/2 cup granulated sugar
 1/2 cup corn syrup
 1 egg, unbeaten
 2 tablespoons milk
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1/2 teaspoon lemon extract

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Cream shortening and sugar together until light and fluffy. Work in corn syrup and beat until light. Add 1/2 of flour mixture and blend in thoroughly. Add unbeaten egg and beat thoroughly. Add remaining flour and milk alternately, beating smooth after each addition. Blend in vanilla and lemon extract. Turn into greased and floured muffin tin and bake in a moderately hot (375-degree) oven for 25 minutes or until done. Frost as desired.

Sugarless Chocolate Icing.
 2 squares unsweetened chocolate
 1 can sweetened condensed milk
 1/2 teaspoon water
 Dash of salt
 1/2 teaspoon almond extract

Melt chocolate in top of double boiler. Stir in gradually the condensed milk and cook 5 minutes over hot water. Stir until smooth. Remove from heat and add water, salt and almond extract. Cool and frost cup cakes.

Strawberries are here in all their bright glory and will add a delicious sweet dessert to your menus for their extremely short season. Because the berries are so sweet, you can take it rather easy on the sugar when sweetening them. In fact, many people find them so sweet that they use no extra sweetening at all.



Berries like strawberries, which are naturally sweet, need little extra sugar. Plan to serve them in pies, tarts and as shortcake as often as possible during their short season.

***Strawberry Pie.**
 Prepare 1 baked 9-inch pie shell. Just before serving, wash and hull 1 quart of fresh strawberries. Sweeten lightly to taste and then fold into 1 pint of cream which has been whipped. Spread in pie shell and serve. Or sweeten berries to taste and fill baked pie shell. Top with whipped cream which has been garnished with whole berries.

Winter pears make tasty pies for faded spring appetites. For something a little different, try this French Pear Pie.

French Pear Pie.
 6 cups sliced fresh winter pears
 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 1/2 cup corn syrup
 1/2 cup sugar
 1/2 teaspoon ginger
 2 tablespoons flour
 One 9-inch unbaked pastry shell

Select pears which are firm but not hard. Peel, core, slice. Mix with lemon juice, corn syrup, sugar, ginger and flour. Place in pastry-lined pie plate.

Topping.
 1/2 cup shortening
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 1 cup flour

Cream together shortening and sugar. Mix in flour. Spread over pears in pie shell. Bake at 375 degrees for 45 minutes, or until pears are tender and topping is brown. Eight servings. Serve warm or cold.

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Make pastry ahead of time and allow to chill before adding the water if you like the crust flaky.

For cream pies, be certain the filling as well as the pastry shell is thoroughly cooled before putting the two together.

When you make an attractive red berry pie, always use a lattice crust so that the beauty of the berries can be seen immediately.

If you do not want a top crust or crumbly topping, make a lattice top out of the scraps of pastry. This is easy on your budget too.

Star Dust

STAGE-SCREEN-RADIO
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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Hereafter, Virginia Vale will conduct this column under her own name, Inez Gerhardt.)

By INEZ GERHARDT

IT'S not just luck that Henry Morgan (Wednesday nights, ABC) has built an audience of some 10,000,000 listeners; he came up the hard way, not via stage, burlesque or night clubs, but by getting a job as page boy in a radio station and working up. He writes his own scripts, and fears nobody; maybe you remember the time when he crossed swords with some



HENRY MORGAN

Mutual executives and auctioned off the whole network on the air, station by station, vice president by vice president, for \$83. He's one of the few in radio with a contract allowing him to kid his sponsors—and one of the few who can kid anything and everybody skillfully.

Not only does Jean Sablon have women flocking to his broadcasts in droves—they want to get into the act. When he arrived on the Coast recently and his band leader issued a call for musicians—all the applicants were women. The band leader, Tutti Cammerata, began to wonder if they'd confused him with Phil Spitalny; he finally settled down with five male musicians—and nine females!

At Columbia Pictures studios they're calling Larry Parks "The Rainbow Kid," and Irving Pringle, in charge of his make-up, says he's forgotten how to make Larry up for black and white. After appearing in Technicolor in "Renegades," "The Johnson Story" and "Down to Earth," Parks is making "The Swordsman," in Technicolor, still doing very well indeed.

Set to leave the air show on which he co-stars with Durante June 1st, Garry Moore has nothing but praise for James, "Believe me," says Garry, "if I were going to be teamed with anyone, there's only one person for me—that's Jimmy Durante." Durante also throws bouquets at "Junior," declaring that he's going to be a big success with his own show.

Olga San Juan changes her hair with every film role. It was its natural black in her first movies; we saw her with Auburn brown locks in "Blue Skies," and now she's a brilliant blonde in "Variety Girl." Incidentally, she's pretty happy right now. The New York night club, the Copacabana, where she got her start five years ago, has offered her a starring contract at a startling salary.

"Stallion Road" really encouraged Zachary Scott; he was allowed to live to the end. He survived in his first film, "The Southerner"; they shot him in "Mask of Dimitrios," "Mildred Pierce" and "Her Kind of Man," drowned him in "Danger Signal."

Elsa Lanchester, who's much too good for the kind of roles Hollywood has been giving her, gets a really good one in "The Big Clock," which stars Ray Milland and Mike Lancelotti's husband, Charles Laughlin. She'll play an eccentric artist.

Judy Canova, who has just finished "Singing in the Corn" for Columbia, while starring on her own radio program, "The Judy Canova Show," is making final arrangements for adopting a brother for her three-year-old Juliette. Juliette has caused her parents no end of embarrassment by telling everybody "Mommy and Daddy are getting me a ready-made brother."

Because most actors and actresses are incognito on the CBS "Inner Sanctum," we often hear Broadway and Hollywood players without knowing it. Recently David Cook, of the stage and screen, did a bit part.

ODDS AND ENDS—Lee Shildon, who rounds up animal actors for Warner's, thought it the limit when he was told to find "a pair of bone-moaning lizards" for "Pursued." Claudia Morgan of "The Right to Happiness" takes a bawdier ride with her husband every 12th of October, the date he proposed to her in a faraway land. Before the war Ralph Byrd played the masterful Tamour detective, Dick Tracy; he was discharged just in time to portray a criminally inclined gambler in "Stallion Road." When Tony Martin put his nose at those running smoothly, he'll turn next in a musical movie of "Pepe Le Moko."

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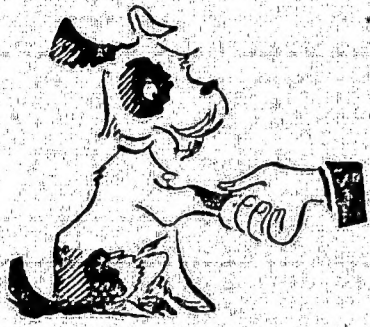
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Crying Inside

The French artist Degas struggled along for many years, receiving only a pittance for his paintings. At one time, when in desperate straits, he sold several of his canvases to an art dealer for a few francs apiece. Two weeks later, the dealer met him.

"I have the most wonderful news for you," he exclaimed, "I sold your painting for 20,000 francs each!"

Degas accepted the information without enthusiasm.

"What's the matter?" asked the dealer. "Doesn't this make you feel happy?"

"I feel," replied Degas, "like a racehorse who has won a race for the bookmakers."

Dogs I've Known...

by Robt Day



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Rural Women Play Major Role In Improving Community Life

Week of Events Depicts Activities Of Club Program

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"If good homemakers are born, better ones are made."

Guided by that creed, groups of rural women the country over—in a mere handful of communities at first and now in more than 50,000 communities throughout the United States, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico—have been gathering in groups, large and small, to study the art and science of happy family living.

The project—perhaps the world's largest on-the-job educational program for women—has been carried on for the past 33 years throughout the country, longer in some states. It is the home demonstration program conducted by the cooperative extension service of the department of agriculture and state land-grant colleges. It is carried into rural homes and communities by the county home demonstration agent, an off-campus staff member of the state college and the department.

Latestraining is Out. Accomplishments of that program will be on review during National Home Demonstration Week, May 4-11, when rural America's latestraining once again is out. Along with the latestraining, there will be a welcome mat out before the doors of some 3½ million homes and thousands of community centers just off the hard paved roads where rural America lives.

Always neighborly, always friendly, rural women will make a special effort that week to demonstrate their advancements in improving home and community life.

Their goal is the goal of mothers everywhere—a model home that's a pleasure to keep, a college edu-



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Don't let Jane, Jim and little Bobby, a nest egg for old age. And it's a goal they haven't left for idle daydreaming, not these practical, determined housewives. Nearly every day that passes they move a peg nearer those three standard items in any woman's wishbook. Also they polish up their "know-how" for running a home smoothly, protecting their family's health, training living costs and training their children to face the future.

From Furniture to Fun, as individuals and as groups, their interests have extended to anything and everything that has to do with the family's health and welfare. They have learned first aid for home accidents and health hints to help whittle down doctor bills.

They cut corners in housework, make and make over clothes, landscape yards and help plan new and remodeled housing. They also learn how to add charm and comfort through handicrafts, repair and refinish furniture, wash and stain by the easiest method, and grow, can, dry and freeze the food to appease healthy appetites.

Of major importance year after year are studies which help them to understand the physical and emotional development of their children, plan family fun, keep home accounts and put something by for a rainy day.

To Home Demonstration Week visitors, rural women will offer tangible proof that home can be the happiest place on earth to the family that plans, works and plays together.

"Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World!" That's their motto for the week and for every week in the year. And it's one they'll offer to share with you. They'll also invite you—or your wife—to share in their learning program; it's all voluntary and it's all for free!

Interests Grille Globe. More than that, they'll give you a chance to help shoulder community problems and have a share in the community services they are working to provide. In hundreds of communities, in each state, extension groups—maybe they're called home demonstration clubs, home economics extension clubs, extension units, or home bureaus—are right on the job when it comes to making their



HEALTHY APPETITES Freeze Food

neighborhoods a better place in which to live.

They have plenty to show for their efforts—community centers, well-equipped playgrounds, lending libraries, hot school lunches, dental and medical clinics for old and young, hospital and other health insurance programs. Roads, schools, electric power and telephone lines also claim their attention. And if you say your community is without such a group, they'll urge you to see your home demonstration agent and get one started.

Anyway, their interests don't stop at section lines or even county, state or national borders. If you will go down to the community center with them for one of their international evenings, you'll hear straight from the heart, that from Kalamazoo to Timbuktu, people are the same, way down deep.

They'll introduce you to songs and dances, customs, costumes and cuisine they have borrowed from every part of the globe. They'll invite you to speak your piece when they open up the discussion on aid for Greece, international trade barriers or decisions of the United Nations.

Looking unflinchingly at the possibilities of atomic power, and considering ways of channeling its use into the production of world prosperity which makes for lasting peace.

Parade of Progress.

During Home Demonstration Week you'll have a chance to see modern, model rural homes as well as communities that people are in a hurry to move into, instead of out of.

You can attend community, county and state-wide meetings, streeting action today for tomorrow's world. Or perhaps you'll prefer to join the tours arranged for the display of home and community improvements. Or you can put on your best bib and tucker and attend the feast honoring the group's voluntary leaders—the women who multiply the teaching efforts of the home demonstration agent by going to special training courses and bringing the skills or information back to their neighbors.

You'll be welcome everywhere. And if you don't belong to a group, they'll invite you to join up. That's why they are celebrating National Home Demonstration Week to tell or show other homemakers like themselves the opportunities they can find in the home demonstration program, opportunities aptly summed up in their slogan for the week, "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World."

Figuratively Speaking. As for the use today's active participants in the program make of these opportunities, a few real figures can at least give a vague indication. In a typical year, 1945 in this case, these rural homemakers canned more than 524 million quarts of food and froze an additional 200 million pounds.

More than 177,000 of them took first aid or home nursing courses and well over half a million made their homes safer by removing fire and accident hazards. More than 600,000 further polished up their knack with a needle in keeping the family's wardrobe—much of it home-made—trim and neat, while another 124,000 studied better money management.

Close to 107,000 studied child



IMPROVED HEALTH Conduct Clinics

care. More than 68,000 worked out plans for re-modeling their homes and 104,000 made their yards and home grounds more attractive.

Specific activities and problems studied vary considerably throughout the country as the women write their own ticket as far as the program is concerned. The home demonstration agent and specialists of the state college then provide the information requested and the training in skills and techniques.

Equipped last year with a pair of seven-league boots, you could have attended furniture buydown schools in Kansas, participated in a kitchen-improvement contest in Delaware, tested wells and other sources of water for the household in Kentucky and studied food and health laws in Wyoming.

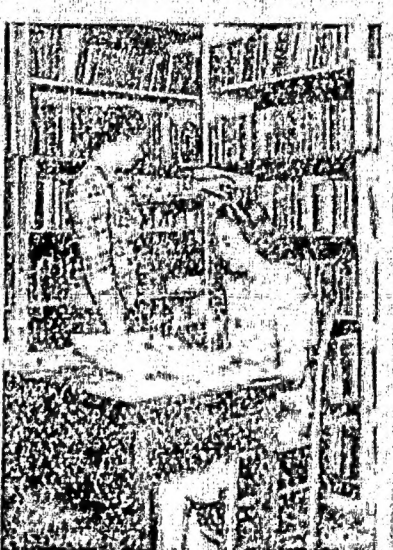
Or you could have attended an institute on better family living in New Jersey, kitchen clinics in Nebraska, furniture upholstery workshops in Oregon and home-nursing classes in Arkansas.

Buy County Ambulance.

With the same traveling facilities, you could have helped Topeka Home Demonstration club in Routt County, Colo., collect funds to purchase a county ambulance to take stretcher cases to Denver hospitals. Or you could have had your chest X-rayed along with the 1,000 homemakers in Montgomery county, Md., cooperating in a tuberculosis-control program.

Also you could have watched the telephone lines being strung in the vicinity of Plato, Texas county, Mo., as the completion of another extension group project. Down in Dixie, you could have helped home demonstration club members in 20 Mississippi counties remodel, paint, landscape and otherwise improve rural churches.

And if you still weren't travel-weary, you could have studied the customs and culture of Russia, China and other countries in many an Illinois group. Or you could have joined a feminine delegation from



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Franklin county, Vt., in a visit to the United Nations in New York.

Friendly Gesture. You couldn't have passed Texas for long without offering to lend a hand in packaging the 32,000 articles of clothing, towels and sewing materials which home demonstration club members and 41 club girls were donating to Philippine homes. But if you did miss out on this friendly gesture in Texas, you could have stepped on over into New Mexico and made your contribution to the same cause there.

During Home Demonstration Week—if you really did have a pair of those high-stepping boots—you would find interests as broad and activities as varied as those listed in any of the 50,000 rural communities where there's a home demonstration group.

Just brush off your boots and lift the latestraining!

Exercise Termed Aid To Nearsightedness

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Some persons who are slightly nearsighted don't see well because they don't try. That is the conclusion reached by three doctors from Washington university after experiments designed to determine whether "exercise" helped correct nearsightedness.

Among patients who showed some improvement, the doctors found that the greatest change occurred in those with only slight myopia.

By checking the refraction of this group's eyes, the doctors discovered that the patients should have had better vision in the first place, and that the improvement apparently was a result of "better visual effort" during the tests.

Oh, Deer

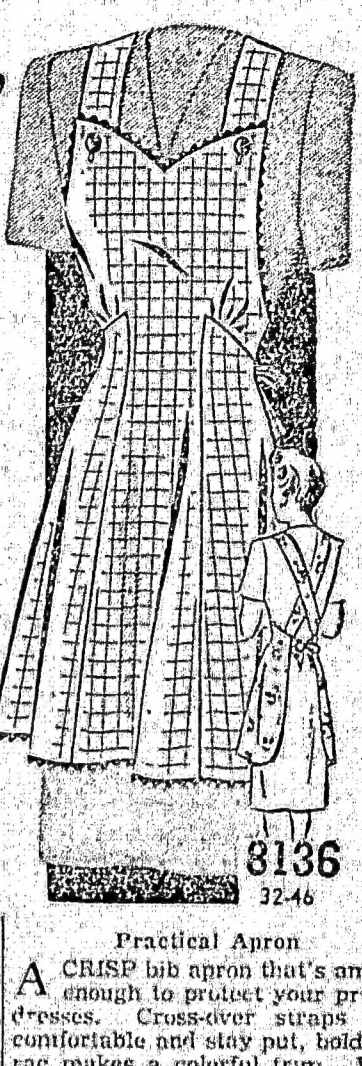
HUDSONDALE, PA.—Sitting a yawn, Joe Jenkins agreed it was the easiest deer hunting season he ever had. Jenkins was sitting outside his service station, rifle in lap. When a deer appeared in a nearby field, he killed it with a single shot, never rising from his chair. Other hunters, witnessing the kill, thought Jenkins was confined to his chair and carried the deer to him.

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HOUSEHOLD HINTS

When you clean the refrigerator, use a solution of baking soda and water. Put one teaspoon of soda to a quart of water. The soda counteracts food odors and keeps the refrigerator sweet.

Place a shoe-box cover in the bottom of your paper or corded shopping bag. This gives a solid foundation to stand on counter or floor and prevents liquids from trickling out of tipping containers.

An ordinary dish mop is very handy in dusting the coil bed springs when doing your spring house cleaning.

Simple means of winding a window shade roller is to insert the flattened end in a keyhole so that both hands will be left free to grip the roller and turn it until it has reached the desired tightness.

Clean up suede hats, bags, etc., before putting them away. Remove grease stains by sponging with a cloth dipped in vinegar. When dry, restore nap by brushing with a stiff bristled brush.

Clothes closet shelves look very smart when painted one color with a line of enamel in a contrasting color run along the edge. For example, a gray shelf with a fuchsia color edge.

Francis Marion 'Swamp Fox' of Revolution Fame

Francis Marion, who led a guerrilla band of Americans against the British during the Revolutionary war, was known as the "Swamp Fox." He broke British lines of communication, captured British scouting and foraging parties and presented the Loyalists from organizing.

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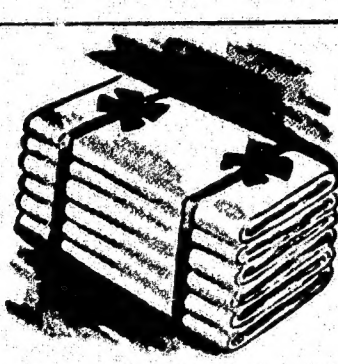
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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. K. W. Hawthorne, Minister

Parish School 9:45 a. m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.

Adult Class, 12:00 noon

The Ladies' Club will hold its regular meeting, Thursday at 10:00 A. M. in the Chapel. This will be a sewing meeting. A luncheon will be served at the noon hour.

The choir will enjoy a covered dish supper Thursday, May 1st at 5:30. This supper is sponsored by some of the women of the Parish who are keenly interested in the young people of the choir and the church music.

The Central Oxford Council of Churches will hold its Annual meeting, Monday evening, April 28th in the church dining hall. The Ladies' Club will serve the supper for this meeting at 6:30.

METHODIST CHURCH

William Penner, Pastor

9:45 Church School, Miss Minnie Wilson, superintendent.

11:00 Morning worship service. In the absence of the pastor who is attending the Annual Conference Churches will hold its Annual at Portland. Mr. Evans Wilson will conduct the worship service.

6:30 Youth Fellowship meeting at the church. Gertrude Penner will lead a discussion on the State Meeting which will be held on Saturday at the Chestnut Street Methodist Church.

On Tuesday, April 29, the Men's Brotherhood, Supper at 6:30.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

Sunday Services at 10:45 A. M. All are cordially invited to attend.

"Probation After Death" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon that will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, April 27.

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GREENWOOD CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Lauri Tamminen and son, David, of Yarmouth were at her mother's, Mrs. George Cole's on Sunday.

Ruth Morgan and Erwin Hayes are on a trip to Washington, D. C. this week with other members of the senior class at West Paris High School.

Mrs. Roy Millett, Mrs. Clyde Morgan, and Mrs. Leonas Holt were in Lewiston on Friday.

The pupils of the school gave their teacher, Mrs. Smith, a birthday surprise party on Friday afternoon. Those present besides the pupils were Mrs. Kay Tamminen, Mrs. Katie Tamminen, Mrs. Doris Hayes, Mrs. Betty Hakala, Mrs. Kathryn Hakala and Mrs. Shirley Bates. Those invited but unable to attend were Mrs. Hazel Millett, Mrs. Colista Morgan, and Mrs. Idella Morgan. Refreshments of ice cream and cookies were served.

Mrs. Ernest Cyr of West Paris called on her mother, Mrs. Toivo Tamlander Saturday evening.

Miss Betty Tamminen represented her school, West Paris High, in prize speaking at Lewiston on Thursday evening and at Mexico on Friday evening. This week she goes to Orono.

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The girls' class of the 4-H club met with Miss Alta Millett this week, with Mrs. Katie Tamminen as their leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Morgan were callers at Carroll Nottages, South Paris, Sunday evening.

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